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Virus scare avoided

By Jesse Brushe
Staff Writer

It is high season for e-infection at Salisbury University. The start of school, and mass influx of resident Internet users, means that computer viruses and other high-tech illnesses are easily transmitted via the net. This year marked the emergence of the worm.

A worm is similar to a virus in that it replicates itself, however, this worm, MS Blaster, is specifically designed to exploit a hole in the Microsoft Windows 2000/NT/ME program. Once in your computer it is difficult to detect and can cause system failure. Most anti-virus programs cannot detect worms, unlike ordinary viruses, which create a stealthy mess for users.

"It only takes a few minutes [online] to get it," said Bill Pennewell, assistant director of Information Technology.

The IT department faced a number of challenges related to maintaining operational systems. Those systems included hundreds of new, unprotected users, and a worm that is undetectable using Guinevere, the campus server virus scan.

During move-in times, the IT staff worked additional hours distributing over

400 anti-virus CD's, and individually installing the patch to over 1,200 faculty and lab computers on-campus.

The problem remains of "fifty or more faculty and student computers yet to have the patch installed," said Pennewell.

However Pennewell notes that the success of Salisbury's IT department in overcoming the worm is primarily because of the manpower necessary to distribute CD's and individually install the necessary patch to each faculty and lab computer has been present from the beginning, allowing them to address the problem immediately.

"With a faster network we are able to do our jobs two or three times faster than before," an obvious plus in the fight against computer viruses, said Pennewell.

As the speed in computer technology increases along with the frequency of computer viruses, students and staff alike are forced on top of virus protection. The IT department recommends updating virus scans frequently as well as monitoring email to prevent from infection.

The MS Blaster worm has proved that in certain situations high-tech virus scans such as Guinevere, cannot replace manpower, hard work and a dedicated IT staff.



Philosophy professor Dr. Hatley poses next to his likeness at the opening for the 2003 Faculty Art Show. The showcase is scheduled to run until Sunday, September 28, in the Fulton Hall Gallery. (photo by Eni Mauery)

Mixed reactions to rankings

By Shane Jacobus
Staff Writer



Despite some rather tight times due to drastic budget cuts, the students and faculty at Salisbury University received some encouraging news before the 2003-04 school year began. The administration proudly proclaimed that SU had further elevated itself to fourth in the top tier of public master's universities in the North. It was also ranked as a top-tier university among both public and private universities in the northern region, listed 33rd in that category. The new report is up from SU's ranking sixth last year in U.S. News' North-Master's category and 37th in its top tier.

SU was also listed in the Princeton Review's latest Best 351 Colleges under "Best in the Mid-Atlantic."

"This makes you feel like you made the right choice being a transfer student," declared junior Adam Reese. When finalizing his decision, Reese said he chose SU largely because of its small class sizes and availability of resources as opposed to other more populated schools such as Towson and College Park. He strongly feels that both of these factors will help him reach his full potential.

Others students were somewhat skeptical about these latest merits.

"I think it's an honor," said junior Michelle Perzinski, "but the people in Maryland don't know as much about Salisbury as they should."

SU may be the most prominent school on the Eastern Shore but it is often overshadowed by those located on the other side of the Chesapeake Bay. Whenever Perzinski and several other Maryland students mention that they go to SU, a lot of people ask, "Where's that?"

In response to the new rankings, some students brought up the recent faculty cuts and tuition increases as factors.

"I feel that a school of our academic status should certainly not be receiving the lowest amount of money in the University of Maryland system," said junior Steven Lessner, "I do not understand how extremely learned professors and faculty are being laid off when that is one of the primary resources we as students pay for in the form of tuition."

"It's a sad state of affairs any time an educator is asked to leave their job," said junior Chris Marrow.

The news of the rankings came shortly after SU students received a hefty tuition hike of \$570, trailing just behind the cuts of the larger University System of Maryland institutions Towson and Frostburg. In addition, four more employees were also laid off in order to adjust to these latest budget cuts toward higher education.

Higher ranking is always a positive sign but these monetary issues could make it harder to keep up the pace in the future. As tuition and class sizes increase, the reputation of SU as a good value is also challenged, which ultimately could cause a rift between rankings and reality.



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Compiled by Sarah Frantz
News Editor

More City Council Woes

Salisbury City Council woman Rachel Polk has filed charges against the daughter of Mayor Barrie Tilghman, Catherine. After a council meeting last week, Polk alleges that Tilghman assaulted her after a disagreement. Polk filed second-degree assault charges stating that Tilghman kicked her in the groin outside the Government Office Building. Police Chief Allan Webster addressed the public in a press conference claiming he did not see any major physical conflict.

Llama attacker arrested

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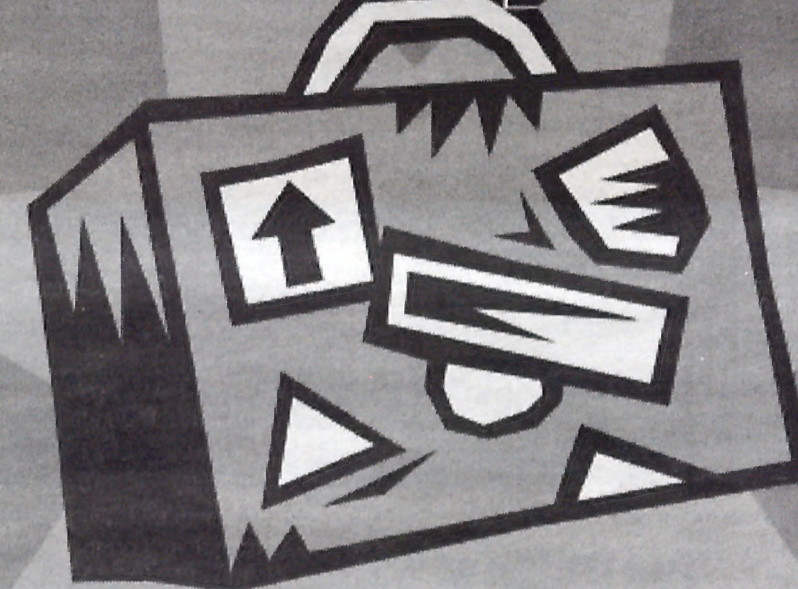


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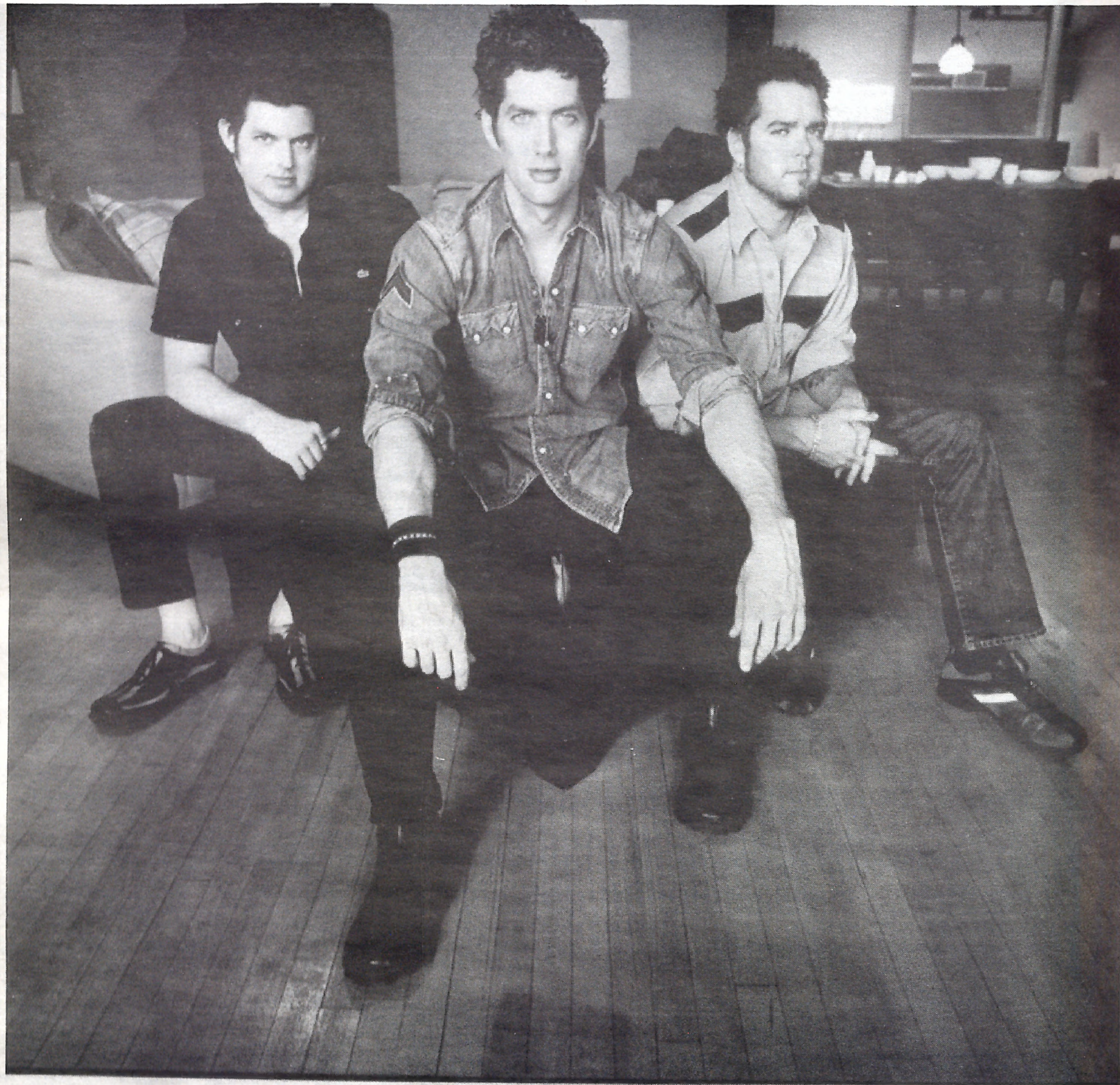
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Celebrities to invade Maryland politics?

By John A. Heath
Staff Writer

Bill Bradley did it; so did Jesse "The Body" Ventura and Sonny Bono. We all laughed when we heard the candidates for the California recall election for governor – specifically Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gary Coleman, "smashing things" comedian Gallagher and porn-magazine mogul Larry Flint. One might begin to wonder, could this sort of incident happen in Maryland?

Junior Jessica Martinez spoke of former actors who may choose to lead political careers. She believes acting and politics are closely related. "When they're running they act like they'll do what the people say – but when they get into office they do their own thing," says Martinez.

Senior Jacob Holloway does not believe a similar gubernatorial race would occur in Maryland. "Maryland's climate is

more conducive to good government at this time," says Holloway. "I would be embarrassed if our election had a sort of circus atmosphere with individuals who have failed to demonstrate any skill or interest in government affairs."

Holloway believes that all people should have an equal opportunity in politics. "Just because someone was famous outside doesn't matter," says Holloway. "We should look at political positions, experience and knowledge," he says. "It shouldn't be in their favor or against them unless it's something infamous."

Eric Colvin, senior and president of the College Republicans club, supports the current governor but does not discount a possible celebrity governor. "In the unlikely event that Ehrlich doesn't run for a second term, I'd vote for [Cal Ripkin Jr.] if he was republican. His sports record shows consistency, commitment and dedication,"

says Colvin.

Martinez would like Ripkin for a celebrity candidate, but doubts he would ever run. "He wanted to spend more time with his family. If he goes into politics he will be spending money and traveling," Martinez says.

Other students, such as senior Tim Dowd, say Edward Norton – who is from Columbia, MD – could be a potential candidate. "If he's as good as a politician as he's an actor, I'd vote for him," says Dowd.

Sophomore Jeremy Spalt agrees Norton would be a good candidate, but also sees potential in Linda Hamilton, former Salisbury native. "Hamilton is smart enough to know 'T3' blew, so I think she's got it working upstairs," says Spalt.

Martinez discounts Hamilton, star of the first two "Terminator" movies, as a good candidate. "Who the hell is Linda Hamilton? Is she the one that went crazy?"

I would never vote for her," she says. "She's from Salisbury? No wonder she went crazy."

Other students are less concerned with specific candidates and more concerned with qualifications and fairness.

Senior Sondra Dietz did not choose a particular candidate but is open to possibilities. "I think that if anyone meets the qualifications for running and can show that they care about the State and the issues that it faces, anyone should be able to run," says Dietz.

The next gubernatorial election will take place in 2006, unless of course a vote recall takes place. Ehrlich will most likely run again, but it is anyone's guess who the competition will be or what walk of life they will come from. In the meantime, students can get their fill of circus politics by watching the news coverage of the California recall.

Student Spotlight: Nathan Trout

By Becki Lee
Features Editor

Rare is it to find someone as dedicated to a part-time job as Nathan Trout is to his. But as retail student supervisor for University Dining Services (UDS), Trout has got a lot to take seriously. And it pays off, too – this past summer, Trout won the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) Student Employee of the Year award.

"I was ecstatic," he said. "I couldn't believe it was happening." Even when he was holding the plaque in his hands, he still had a hard time believing it, he said.

Last semester Salisbury University chose Trout to be the UDS Student Employee of the Year. Later, a selection panel evaluated students representing many universities in the NACUFS Region II, the Mid-Atlantic region. The panel named Trout as Region II's Student Employee of the Year, for which he received a \$500 scholarship.

The award is given to students who show excellence in food services, and according to Trout's supervisor, that

describes Trout.

"I'm impressed with his enthusiasm and the fact that he'll get dirty," said Neil Vining, assistant director for UDS.

However, Trout is quick to point out the stellar staff behind him. "I was surprised the university picked me to represent it," he said. Trout emphasized the idea that he felt like the whole staff deserves to be recognized, and that he shouldn't necessarily be singled out.

"I seriously bust my ass for that place, but still others work just as hard if not harder," he said.

Sort of a Jack-of-all-trades, Trout has held part-time jobs in departments ranging from hardware to waiting tables, from delivering packages to even doing police internships. He began working in UDS his freshman year, taking a job in the Commons. Recently he was promoted to retail student supervisor for Dining Services, along with another student from catering, and with two other managers the

four of them oversee the student employees. Now, instead of working in the Commons, Trout works at the Gull's Nest and Cool Beans.

"It's new, it's different," Trout said. "It's really too early to tell, but I think I'm really going to enjoy it," he said.

Trout estimates that the Gull's Nest has about 150 new items this year. The diner no longer only sells lunch and dinner items; it now boasts an array of convenience items such as bread, ketchup and peanut butter. He and the other retail student supervisor are putting their student perspectives to work at helping to make the Gull's Nest a fun place to eat and hang out, he said. And with the help of the other two managers – making up "Team Retail," as Trout refers to the group – the four managers together make a "dynamic" team.

"We're looking to have a good year," he said.



Senior Nathan Trout, retail student supervisor

Photo courtesy of UDS web site

When asked about what he does in his free time, Trout laughs.

"I get bored really fast. I need to keep busy," he said. And busy he certainly stays, with his dedication to his work and his classes eating up most of his time. When that rare spare moment comes along, Trout likes to hang out with his friends or go driving to relieve stress.

As far as future plans go, Trout says he would like to use his communications major and double minor in business administration and marketing for a career in sales, possibly in food services. The three-day NACUFS event this summer helped Trout see the different possibilities for dining services-related jobs.

"It kind of opened my eyes to other jobs in food services," he said. "There's a lot more to this than I realized."

In the meantime he is going to continue working as a retail student supervisor, when he graduates in December, he will begin a graduate assistantship with UDS.

"I highly recommend [UDS] to anyone looking for a job," Trout said, later adding that he has learned a lot from the people he has worked with. "I love the people, and I love the work."

Overheard

By Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson
Staff Writers

"What are your experiences so far as a freshman?"



"I was really, really surprised about how nice and welcoming everyone was. I expected it to be more like high school. I met so many people my first day."

Shelby Hays
Gaithersburg, MD



"I love the area and I only wish I had my car."

Katelyn Rozenbroek
Calvert County, MD



"It's a very friendly campus. I'm not normally an outgoing person but everyone here is very welcoming."

Chris Aitken
Severna Park, MD



"So far I like that nobody really treats you like an outcast. People open up as soon as you meet them and they try to get to know you. The biggest difficulty is adjusting to the new schedule and waking up early."

Sean Fuller
Baltimore, MD



"Everyone seems to get along pretty well. My professors are pretty cool."

Chris Baum
Frederick, MD



"I didn't expect to have this much fun. So far I've been having a lot of fun, everyone is really nice and I am having a good time."

Monica Castellanos
Silver Spring, MD



"I got a job really fast because I have to pay for school. I'm working for a professor on campus. I like that everything is really close."

Mike Piorunski
Bel Air, MD



"The R.A.'s are cool. The parties are fun. There are a lot of cool clubs. The syllabi are very informative so far."

Josh Childress
Havre de Grace, MD




"Party wise, it seems real quiet like. But I love it. The people here will come up and say 'Hi' and have a conversation with you. There are a lot of clubs and organizations. I'm looking forward to meeting new people because they say in college you meet your best friends."

Kayla Brown
Hartford County, MD



"I've noticed that the black and white people tend to separate themselves. An example is in the Commons. We need to come together. I think that we need programs to bring everyone together. Other than that, everyone is friendly."

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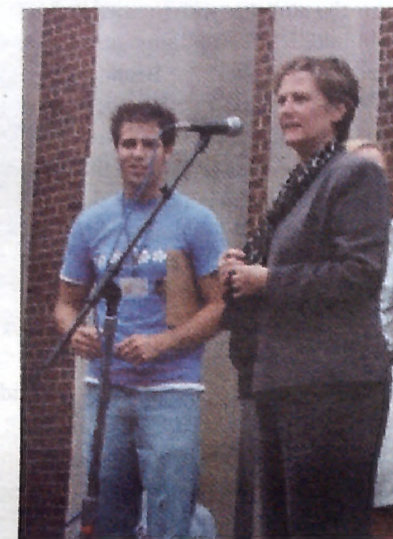
By D.J. Short
Staff Writer

Welcome Week 2003 held their final event, "Party on the Plaza" this past Saturday in downtown Salisbury. "Party on the Plaza" marked the first time in nearly 30 years that Urban Salisbury has invited Salisbury University downtown. The event was designed to improve relations between the community and students, and introduce students to local businesses on the Plaza.

"We want the students to gain a familiarity with the downtown area," says Mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman.

The event was complete with live music, free parking, shuttles from campus, free drinks, local businesses, games, student groups and a beer garden courtesy of Legends in the plaza. The live music consisted of Cupajo, from College Park, and local favorites Three Track Mind, Diversified and Written Prisms.

"This is such an awesome setting,"



Mayor Tilghman joined organizer Jason McGraw on stage to start the festivities.

said Jordan Caulfield, guitarist of the Written Prisms and alumnus of Salisbury University. "I wish they had more events like this when I was a student here."

Photo by D.J. Short

"Party on the Plaza" kicked off with brief comments by Mayor Tilghman and from Urban Salisbury, Jim Bosworth and Tom Becker. Tilghman congratulated the hard work of the Welcome Week team, and co-chairs Sarah Betkey and Jason McGraw. Becker, chairman of Urban Salisbury, was optimistic about the possibility of student housing downtown and increased business in the Plaza.

"We are really looking forward to student housing in the downtown area," said Becker. "The city gave us their endorsement, so now we are just down to crunching the numbers."

The turnout for the event was less than expected, but grew steadily throughout the day, with many students and community members in attendance. Much of the crowd made their way from the main stage to Legends in between sets. Written Prisms closed the festival with a show stealing performance, full of energy and conscious hip-hop lyrics.

"I think this event is a great concept," said Betkey. "This event will continue to grow bigger and better over time."

"Party on the Plaza" was a success despite having to move the beer garden to Legends, located further down the Plaza and away from the main stage. The move

was made because the liquor license held by Urban Salisbury was made void after Greg Rickerts, member of the Wicomico County Liquor Board, urged one of the three signatories of the license to reconsider. This decision was inconveniently made only two days before the event. It takes five days for a new liquor license to be approved.

"I felt like some members of the community did not want this event to happen," said McGraw. "We had to make a decision quickly and Legends stepped up for us."

The loss of the liquor license changed the flow of traffic quite significantly, driving many people away from the main stage. The beer garden was intended to be much closer in vicinity to the stage.

"Our focus is never on alcohol," said Dr. Heather Holmes, director of Student Activities. "However, we felt it would add more of a festival feel to the event."

Despite a minor setback, all in attendance agreed that "Party on the Plaza" was a success and an event with great potential in improving community relations.

"We've had some rough roads with the students," said Becker. "This is our effort to show that we really want to get along. We really do."

The Dork Corner Movie review: "The Order"

By Brian Zitzelman
A&E Editor

"The Order" is one of those movies that really makes the viewer think of thoughts most important to one's existence. Such as, "Wasn't the person next to me eating Subway earlier?" or, "I wish someone would set my hair ablaze so I could have an excuse to run out of the theatre."

Released on September 5, "The Order" is the new film starring the once rising star Heath Ledger (The Patriot) and directed by Brian Helgeland. "The Order" tells the story of Alex Bernier (Ledger), one of the last two Carolingians, an order of priests for the Catholic Church. When Alex's mentor mysteriously dies, he decides to go to Rome to discover the truth.

Before leaving, Alex is confronted by his one time love, as well as escaped mental patient, Mara, played by Shannyn Sossamon (Rules of Attraction). The two have not seen one another since Mara shot Alex when he was performing in exorcism. While this may seem like an important plot element, it is never brought up again, only to mention that it happened in the first place.

As the two travel to Rome, an attempt by the director to make the movie grittier and more mystifying only comes across as insipidly slow boredom. Two orphans/demons also show up periodically in a weak attempt to scare the audience, but are never frightening or explained. As Alex begins to unravel the mystery of his mentor's death, he learns of the ritual and past of a being known as the Sin Eater. The ritual deals with removing a person's sins while on their deathbed, leaving the body with visible scars from the act on their chest. Such scars appear on Alex's mentor, leading him to seek out the Sin Eater.

Up to this point in the film, while by no means a masterpiece, "The Order" does not appear to be that awful of a movie. Then William Eden, the Sin Eater, shows up.

William, played by Benno Furrmann, does his best to be the creepy guy who speaks in a monotone but just comes across as a bad actor's haphazard attempt at a Marlon Brando impersonation. Herein lays the biggest problem of this

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Clockwise from left: Three Track Mind (Photo by D.J. Short); Diversified (Photo by Eni Mauery); Written Prisms (Photo by D.J. Short)

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film. It would appear that Helgeland's main direction was to tell every actor to say every line the exact same way, no matter what was actually being stated.

For example, the line "I like sunflowers" is said with the same emotion and tone, as "I am scared you will die if you leave." This is never a good thing for one character, let alone all of the characters.

The movie builds with stabs at tension as Alex debates whether or not the Sin Eater is truly trying to help others or just him. Various plot twists occur as the conclusion comes, but they lack any effect due to the flatness of the characters.

In the end, there is nothing too positive to say about "The Order." It comes as some surprise since Helgeland, who also wrote the film, won an Oscar just a few years ago for his marvelous writing with Curtis Hanson on "L.A. Confidential." For those longing to see Heath Ledger take that next step in his acting career, this is not the place to look. For those simply longing to see Heath Ledger due to his sexiness, just rent two of his past films and watch them in slow motion.

Summer Cinema Smashes

By Brian Zitzelman
A&E Editor

Another summer's worth of movies have come and gone. Some have far exceeded expectations, such as "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" and "Finding Nemo," which has become the most successful animated film of all time. There were also films like "The Hulk" and "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" that struggled to earn their cost back, despite massive advertising campaigns. Now looking back at all the blockbusters and wanna-bes, what did people end up enjoying the most in the summer of 2003?

"My favorite movie of the summer was probably 'Pirates of the Caribbean,'" says sophomore Chris Madachik. "I saw it twice in theatres. The movie was really funny."

Junior Jocelyn Andersen agrees with Madachik's assessment. "I thought it was an excellent film. Funny, kooky, a little scary, and it took me back to being a little kid in Disney World. I actually wish I

could be a pirate. Of course I wouldn't want the scurvy or capped teeth, and I wouldn't like to kill anyone, but a life on the open sea would be fun."

Another favorite was the film that kicked off the summer movie season, "X2: X-men United." "The opening scene was awesome," says sophomore Brandon Eimer. "One of the best action scenes I have seen in a long time."

Of all the action films of the summer, "The Matrix Reloaded" was certainly the most talked about, but thoughts on the quality of it vary.

"It was disappointing in the fact that it wasn't as good as the first one," says Madachik.

Freshman Kat Hess would contend differently. "I did enjoy 'Reloaded' but I am sucker for fight scenes and special effects."

While each summer brings abundant amounts of explosions and gunfire, dramas are often forgotten until the fall. While smaller independent dramas like "Whale Rider" and "American Splendor" were released, the only big studio drama to gain a major push was "Seabiscuit."

"There's never much drama out during the summer," says Hess. "It makes sense, being that people want fun movies in the summer, but I like dramas. Why do I have to wait 'til fall to see amazing movies?"

Now with the summer over, this year's Oscar contenders are all set to come out of the gate. However, the end of August brings all the early hype, teaser trailers and buzz for the summer of 2004, which is already shaping up to be a record breaking year.

Next summer will include a number a massive sequels that has fans already counting the days 'til they arrive. Starting next May, look out for the sequel to last year's top moneymaker in "Spider-man 2." Of course, that little wizard muggles can't get enough of returns with "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." Animation enthusiasts will have "Shrek 2" to look forward to, with additional voices by Monty Python's John Cleese and Mary Poppins herself, Julie Andrews.

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Study Abroad in Ecuador

Interest meetings for Salisbury University's winter 2004, study abroad in Ecuador program will be held Thursday, September 18, at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Caruthers Hall room 105. The participating institution is the Centro de Estudios Intraméricanos in Cuenca, Ecuador. Spanish courses offered are 101-202, 310, Andean Culture and a Hispanic literature class. Courses offered in English include School in a Diverse Society, Marketing Strategy, Photography, Latin American Women's Issues and International Social Work (graduate). All English-speaking courses will feature a one-hour session in Spanish every day to acclimate students not familiar with the language. The approximate cost for the program, which runs December 26 to January 24, is \$3,200. For more information, contact Dr. Gerald St. Martin at grstmartin@salisbury.edu.

Faculty Art Showcase

Salisbury University's Art Department faculty showcase their recent work in the exhibit "From the Artist Hand" Tuesday, September 2-Sunday, September 28 at the University Gallery at Fulton Hall. The exhibit features a mix of paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, mixed media and digital prints. In addition to work by curator, Dr. Jim Hill, faculty exhibiting their works in the show include Jeanne Anderton, Gary Brotman, Ed Brown, Marie Cavallaro, Paul Flexner, Carl Goldhagen, Susan Holt, Jinchul Kim, Michelle Neal-Robbins, Pam Olszewski, Dean Peterson, Brooke Rogers, Nicole Schneider, Rich Schneider and Clytie Taylor. The Univer-

sity Gallery at Fulton Hall is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site.

International Film Series

This year's fall International Film Series at Salisbury University features films dealing with the subject of the fall of communism in Europe, in the 1980's, as part of SU's focus on Eastern European culture this fall. The following films are shown in room 243 of the Henson Science Building.

Monday, September 8, 8 p.m.: "The Harms Case" (Yugoslavia 1988) - Slobodan Pestic's postmodern biopic based on the life and writing of the visionary Russian avant garde poet Danil Harms, the 90-minute film features Serbo-Croatian dialogue with English subtitles.

Monday, October 20, 7 p.m.: "Pretty Village, Pretty Flame" (Yugoslavia 1996) - Srdjan Dragojevic's film is based on an actual event involving two childhood friends, one Serbian, the other Muslim. As adults, the friends are on opposing sides in a civil war.

Monday, November 17, 7 p.m.: "The Bus" (1974) - Tunc Okans' simple comedy revolves around Turkish workers encountering Western sophistication in Stockholm.

Monday, November 24, 7 p.m.: "Ulysses' Gaze" (1995) - Harvey Keitel plays a Greek-American film director who travels across the war-torn post-communist Balkans. Directed by Theo Angelopoulos, the film was the Grand Jury Prize at the 1995 Cannes Film Festival. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the

SU Web site.

John Ebert Stars in Salisbury University's First Theater Production

Guest artist John Ebert inaugurates SU Theatre's fall season with his solo performance of Irish playwright Connor McPherson's "The Good Thief." Performances are Friday-Saturday, September 12-13, and Sunday, September 14. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

This dramatic contemporary work brings to life the fate of a hit man from Dublin, Ireland, as he reveals the day everything went wrong in his life. In his story, a failed shakedown leads to a tragic flight and eventually prison. Known for his work as a commercial director, Ebert's first feature-length movie, "Fortunate Son," was filmed in Salisbury and premiered at SU in May.

"The Good Thief" contains adult language and situations; it is recommended for mature audiences only. General admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors. SU ID

cardholders are admitted free. For reservations call the SU Theatre Box Office at 410-543-6228. For information visit the SU Web site.

Professor Blumenfeld to Lecture

Dr. Odette Blumenfeld, professor of British and American literature at the Al. I. Cuza University of Iasi, Romania, speaks at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, in the Wicomico Room of Guerrieri University Center at Salisbury University. The topic of the lecture is "Romania, the Holocaust and the Jews of Moldavia: The Example of Iasi." A faculty member at Al. I. Cuza since 1969 and chair of its English Department since 1995, her publications show a special interest in British and American drama, semiotics and poetics of the theatre, comparative literature, Shakespeare in performance and feminism. Blumenfeld's lecture is free and the open to the public. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site.

Crime Beat



08/31/03 01:36 p.m.

Alcohol Violation

An officer responded to a call of an intoxicated student in Choptank Hall. The student had become ill and had passed out. The student became conscious and refused medical treatment.

08/31/03 02:21 a.m.

Alcohol Violation

An underage resident of Chester Hall was intoxicated and vomiting. The student refused medical attention.

08/31/03 05:40 p.m.

Alcohol Violation

An underage student was found to be in possession of 18 cans of beer while in the Devilbiss lot. A civil citation for underage possession was issued.

09/02/03 11:15 a.m.

Theft

A resident of Chester Hall reported that a bike was stolen from the bike rack near Chester Hall. The chain lock had been cut.

09/02/03 07:45 p.m.

Theft

A student reported that a book bag and contents were stolen from the Commons near the cashier's station.

09/03/03 10:45 a.m.

Hit & Run

A student reported that a vehicle parked in the St. Martin's lot was damaged by an unknown vehicle. The driver's side door was dented and scratched.

09/03/03 04:15 p.m.

Theft

A resident of Choptank Hall reported that a wallet was stolen from the main gym of Maggs. The wallet had been left unattended on the floor while the student was playing basketball. Two credit cards were used to make purchases off campus.

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NFL regional team previews

By Matt Rosati
Staff Writer

Washington Redskins – The ‘ole Ball Coach started off on the right foot. Free agent kicker John Hall nailed a 33-yard field goal with 5 seconds left to defeat his old team, the New York Jets. Ex-Jet Laveranues Coles caught 5 catches for 106 yards, all in the first half. The Redskins offense sputtered most of the game, and it looks like Dan Snyder still has a lot of work to do to get his team back on track.

Baltimore Ravens – The Ravens looked absolutely pathetic last Sunday. They had no passing game, they couldn't get a sniff of Tommy Maddox, and the secondary looked pathetic. The choice not to pursue Brian Greese or Jake Plummer during the off-season will come back to haunt the Ravens this season.

New York Jets – I don't know if there are any Jet fans on campus this year, but if you're out there, hide! This team is in some serious trouble. Chad Pennington is out at least eight more weeks and backup Vinny Testaverde is older than Holloway Hall itself. The jets have no serious threat at wide receiver and Curtis Martin is starting to show the wear and tear his body has taken. The most the Jets can hope for is to be at .500 when Pennington returns and helps the team drive for the playoffs.

Pittsburgh Steelers – The Steelers looked like one of the top teams in the NFL last Sunday. They simply blasted the Ravens defense, with Tommy Maddox showing last year was no fluke. The key to a successful season for the Steelers will be

a healthy Kendrell Bell on defense.

Buffalo Bills – The Bills were my preseason pick to win the AFC East and they showed everyone why last Sunday. Led by Drew Bledsoe, the Bills had no problem handling the New England Patriots their first loss of the season. The addition of Sam Adams and Takeo Spikes on defense was enough to prove to me that they were serious about winning the title. Through in a little Lawyer Milloy, and the Bills should be circling the wagons.

New York Giants – In their opener win against St. Louis, the G-men appeared to have forgotten their 2002 wildcard loss to San Francisco. QB Kerry Collins will again look to lead the NFC in passing, with a lot of help from WR Amani Toomer, TE

Jeremy Shockey and pro bowl RB Tiki Barber. With the addition of Special Teamer Brian Mitchell, the Giants have a good shot at improving last year's 10-6 record.

Philadelphia Eagles – After losing the NFC Title game in consecutive years, the Eagles hope to rebound in 2003. It will again, however, be the Donovan McNabb show in Philly, as the Eagles failed to pick up a big-play receiver, leaving the pro bowl QB with minimal options. RB Duce Staley also missed most of training camp due to a contract holdout. Although they did nab DE Jerome McDougal with a draft day trade, the losses of Hugh Douglas, Shaun Barber and Al Harris on defense will prove too costly.

College Football Top Ten: According to Mr. Rosati

By Matt Rosati
Staff Writer

After a wild and crazy weekend of college football upsets and surprises, I bring you my personal top 10. I guarantee these teams will be fighting for the coveted BCS bids, and I give you my word that Michigan will be playing USC for the National Championship.

1. Michigan – Yes, you're reading this right; Michigan, not Ohio State, is the top team in the big 10. RB Chris Perry is a legitimate Heisman candidate after coming off an 1100 yard junior season. Senior QB John Navarre looks poised to silent his vocal critics after a rocky career as a Wolverine. What I like most about Michigan is their schedule. They do not play Penn State or Wisconsin this year, and the season finale against Ohio State in the Big House.

2. USC – If you were to tell me that a team would have to replace their Heisman winning QB, starting HB and three starters in the defensive backfield, I would tell you that they have no shot winning. However, I believe this is the year the Trojans get it done, and that's what everyone in Southern Cal has been saying for the last ten years. I guess this is where I

am forced to tell you that I spent much of my adolescent years in So Cal, but I'll save that story for the reemergence of UCLA basketball. Anyways, USC returns four starting offensive lineman, the top defensive line in the nation and perhaps the most lethal offensive weapon in super-sophomore WR Mike Williams.

3. Miami – The Cane's entire season depends on which Brock Berlin shows up; the one who deserved to sit behind Rex Grossman at Florida, or the one who you'll be able to catch on ESPN Classic this week. That's all that I really have to say about Miami.

4. Oklahoma – This is not a pretty pick. Oklahoma will not beat anyone by 40, nor do they have a "game breaker" on offense. What the Sooners do have is a defense that will step up and smack you in the mouth. Led by linebacker Teddy Lehman and D-tackle Tommie Harris, OU will ride the wagon all the way to a Big XII title over Kansas State.

5. Virginia Tech – Tailback Kevin Jones is the key to success. If he can emerge from the shadow of Lee Suggs and take the pressure off QB Bryan Randall, the Hokies have a chance at a great Big East

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XC teams at UMES Lid-Lifter

By Noah Wood
Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 6th the men's and women's cross country teams gave an impressive performance in the Lid-Lifter Invitational at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

The conditions for their second meet were wonderful for racing, although the terrain was treacherously slippery and muddy from last week's heavy precipitation. Both the men's and the women's teams ran well against the quality competition of NCAA Division I schools.

The men's team placed third against five other Division I schools (which included Norfolk State, George Washington College, UMES, Hampton University and Delaware State). Their race was slightly longer than five miles, but many great

times were still run by its members. The top Sea Gulls on the men's team were sophomore Tristan Gilbert, with a 7th place finish and a time of 27 minutes, 52.0 seconds, and senior Steve Jacobs, with a 13th place finish and a time of 28:38.

"I think the first meet was a little shaky," said Gilbert. "But I think in the second meet, everyone came together."

The women's team had an awesome race, tying for second with UMES. There were a total of five other Division I teams in the race.

The women apparently have had a strong boost from freshmen runners this season, like Kellie McKay and Megan Adams. Similar to the men's team, the

women's team members seem to run closer together in packs this season, making it easier to earn a better score than their opponents.

The Seagulls who won awards for finishing in the top ten were sophomore Lauren Bragg, a 7th place finish and a time of 21:02, and McKay with a 10th place finish and a time of 21:18.

"So far, I think the team is off to a really good start," says McKay. "I feel that we're really working together as a team and we're all pushing each other. We have a lot of healthy competition between each other which makes us run better together as a whole."

Head coach Jim Jones was proud of

the team's progress from the season opener.

"On the men's side, I think they ran awfully well. I was pleased," said Jones. "I think the women had a great race to be tied for second. We had two in the top 10. Against all Division I schools, I thought that was quite a feat!"

The men and women's teams are off to a great start against tough competition, and there will be a lot more of it in their future. Their next meet is the NYU Invitational in New York, where they will run on a challenging course against many different teams. There is little doubt that they will be prepared to run their best against the challenge when it presents itself.

Sea Gull Sports Beat

By Sean Iannucci
Sports Editor

Field Hockey – The Sea Gulls will host three other teams (Wesley, Dennison and Chris Newport) this weekend at the Sea Gull Invitational, which the team won last season. The two-day tournament begins play Saturday at 8:30 a.m. The team will play two games Saturday and one Sunday in the round robin tournament. The Sea Gulls' regular season resumes on September 17, when they host John Hopkins at 4:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer – The Sea Gulls tied Cortland on Sunday, September 7, in the championship game of the Greensboro College Tournament. The two teams were named co-champions. The Sea Gulls had shutout Piedmont 3-0 the previous day in the first round. Senior Dan Meehan and sophomores Bill Whittington and Chris Mills all had one goal. Sophomore goalie Jason Cranford recorded five saves in the defense's second shutout of the season.

The Sea Gulls host Villa Julie on Saturday, September 13, at 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer – The Sea Gulls won their home opener on Sunday, September 7, defeating Stevens Tech 1-0. Freshman Natalie Day scored the games only goal in the 89th minute. Goalie Katie Hendrickson recorded her first shutout and Sara Nichols added an assist. The Sea Gulls (1-2) play home against Catholic on September 14, at 1 p.m.

Volleyball – The Sea Gulls won three straight on Saturday, September 6, at the Gettysburg College Invitational. After losing opening round matches to Lycoming and Seton Hill on Friday, Salisbury came back the following day to defeat Hood, Villa Julie and Johns Hopkins. The Sea Gulls (5-2) play their next home match against Mary Washington on September 17, at 7 p.m.



Photo by Michelle Bennett

The Sea Gull field hockey team prepares for the Sea Gull Invitational this weekend.

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Sea Gulls crush Catholic

By Sean Iannucci
Sports Editor

The Football team continued its winning ways this past Saturday, routing the Catholic University Cardinals 54-20 at Sea Gull Stadium.

The Sea Gulls, who reached a 47-0 lead in the third quarter, finished the game with 259 rushing and 202 passing yards, out producing the Cardinals 461-213 in total offense.

Sophomore quarterback Dustin

Johnson (6 carries, 112 yards) and senior Fairfield University transfer running back Rishawd Watson (15 carries, 77 yards) led the massive ground attack, scoring a total of four rushing touchdowns.

Watson scored the game's first touchdown, breaking a 34-yard run, while Johnson capped the Sea Gulls' notable first quarter with a 74 yard botched snapped touchdown scramble. The Sea Gulls then followed the lead of Johnson and Watson, amassing 39 points while snuffing the Cardinal offense with a suffocating defense.

Sophomore DE Justin Dominick led the Sea Gull defense with nine tackles, including an amazing four sacks. Junior SS Greg Cannon and Freshman LB Billy Leinemann, who also added an interception, tallied 16 tackles.

Backup quarterbacks Shai Warsaw and Travis Peters saw sufficient action, and were both able to contribute to the Sea Gulls domination. Warsaw connected with senior captain Kevin Belt on a 10-yard pass, giving Salisbury a 35-0 halftime lead. Warsaw later found Joe Hinz for a 27 yard

touchdown pass, while Peters gave the Sea Gulls their final score with a yard scoring pass to WR John Smith.

The Sea Gulls continue their 2003 season with a non conference game against William Patterson Saturday, September 13 in Wayne, NJ.



Courtesy of SJ Athletics website



The cheerleading squad pose before the football team's winning game.

All photos by Leslie Schwaninger



The football team hard at work.



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farewell tour. Although Randall is the returning starter, he is feeling the breath of Marcus Vick on his neck. That leads me to this important question, if Marcus goes pro, will he change his name to Marc?

6. Florida State – Do not be fooled, FSU is not ready to give up their reign as the elite team in the ACC. RB Greg Jones looks to be in top form after suffering a season ending knee injury last season. QB Chris Rix has thrown for over 4,000 yards in his Seminole career, but his lack of veteran receivers could be the one thing

holding Bobby Bowden's 'Noles from making a serious run for the National Title. October 11 will be the day of reckoning for Florida State, as the Seminoles welcome Miami to Doak Campbell Stadium.

7. Kansas State – QB, Ell Roberson and HB, Darren Sproles give the Wildcats the most athletic and explosive backfield in the nation. With non-conference games more suited for the bakery than the football field (cupcakes people, come on!), KSU will only have to defeat a tough Texas team to advance to the Big XII title game out of the north.

8. Texas – Don't ask me why I am putting 3 Big XII teams in the top 10, I just am. When it's your article you can do whatever you want. WR, Roy Williams is a man among boys and is the certain #1 draft choice at next years NFL fiesta. RB, Cedric Benson is no slouch, and gives the Longhorns offensive balance. The key to a successful season of Texas is the play of QB Chance Mock. If he can keep the turnovers down, Texas has a chance at unseating Oklahoma as the king of the hill.

9. Georgia – I truly believe that Georgia could have, and if given the opportunity would have, beaten Ohio St.

last year. At the end of the season, no team was playing better than the Georgia. That was last year, and for the Bulldogs to return to the national spotlight they will have to get balance from rotating QB's David Greene and D.J. Shockley. Georgia is the biggest long shot at making a run at the title, but they have the most dominant defensive player in the nation with returning SEC Player of the Year David Pollack.

10. Wisconsin – RB Anthony Davis will run the Badgers into Big Ten contention. Davis is the top RB in America, and Wisconsin is my dark horse to make some noise in the national scene.